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Glen Ellen Parlor, No. 102, meets on the last Saturday evening in each month at Native Sons' hall.

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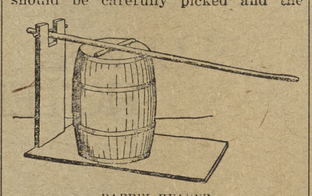
FRUIT AND FLOWERS

APPLE HARVEST.

Best Time and Manner of Gathering. Assorting and Packing.

The proper stage of maturity at which it is best to take apples from the tree, if for market, will be governed somewhat by the distance to the market to be shipped. If near by and requiring no shipping, the fruit may be left on the tree until nearly mellow, which is the best condition for summer and fall varieties for dessert purposes. But if to be shipped a long distance it should be picked as soon as the seeds are fully matured. Winter sorts may be allowed to remain on the tree as late in the fall as will be safe against freezing, but if any varieties should commence to drop they should be gathered at once.

Fruit for any season of the year should be carefully picked and the



BARREL HEADER.

stem not broken, avoiding bruising or breaking of the skin. No strain should be made on the stem at its juncture with the apple, as is likely to occur by jerking it from the tree, for decay is liable to set in at its base. Grasping an apple with the hand, placing the thumb at the tip of its stem for a fulcrum, and suddenly giving it a turn over the thumb will separate it from the branch without injury.

At the time of gathering summer and autumn ripening sorts they should be assorted and packed into the regular apple crate or box as fast as picked, protected from sun and wind, and sent to market each day. All blemished and undersized fruit should be rejected, as it does not pay to mix in the crate any damaged by insects or careless handling. No matter how large and fine appearing an apple may be, cast it aside if blemished.

Winter sorts require the same care in picking and assorting. They may be piled up in the orchard under the trees for awhile without danger of injury and assorted and packed in barrels after the gathering is done, but it will be a saving of expense and much better for the fruit to place it at once in open crates or boxes and haul it to a storage room, where it may be put into bins, each variety by itself.

In packing it is the common practice to face the lower end of the barrel with the layers of selected apples. This is what is termed facing, and it is this end that is opened when examined by the buyers. The balance of the barrel is then filled up loosely until about half full, when it is gently but thoroughly shaken down, then the filling is completed two inches above the top of the barrel, and the head is pressed in.—G. Brackett.

Earthworms In Soil.

Earthworms can be driven out of the soil by applying limewater, one peck of fresh lime to 50 gallons of water. This can best be applied after the soil is put into the greenhouse. To insure making a complete success the soil should be allowed to get rather on the dry side before applying the limewater, then give every particle of it a good soaking. Should the first application not be quite effectual in eight or ten days repeat the process. It will not hurt the plants even if they are already benched, though if the worms are very numerous it would be better to give the limewater and allow the soil to dry out before planting, says Gardening.

Hardy Shrubs as Winter Bloomers.

Hardy shrubs, such as flower early in the spring out of doors, make excellent plants for winter flowering indoors. Young, small and strong plants should be taken up and potted any time before the ground freezes. As long as it is not too cold they can be kept in a sheltered situation out of doors and later should be brought into the house, cellar or other cool place. Then a few at a time, as desired, can be brought to heat and light in a warm room where they will grow and come into bloom. Among plants for this purpose are the lilacs, weigelas, spireas, deutzias, daphnes, forsythia, Japanese snowball, etc.

Ferns For the Window.

Wood ferns potted in the autumn in the rich leaf mold where they grow mixed with one-sixth finely sifted coal ashes will thrive well through the winter months if kept in a cool window and well watered. Under glass they develop as well as in their native woodland, sending up delicate new fronds and growing in rank luxuriance. Velvety moss, with its attendant partridge and wintergreen berry vines, makes a charming bed for these woodland favorites and will well repay the gardener for transplanting.

Bringing Plants Into the House.

Cuttings for winter blooms that were potted late in July or early in August are well rooted by October and ready to go into the window garden when the cold nights come. But do not bring them in too soon. They should first be placed on the piazza—southern exposure if possible—and put out in warm autumn rains, not being taken in the house before November. Plants, like people, do not thrive with wholesome vigor when they cease to breathe the outer air and in the house need fresh air constantly.

KILLING AND MARKETING.

Valuable Information For Breeders of Ducks and Geese.

Ducks and geese should be killed by bleeding in the mouth or opening the veins of the neck. Hang by the feet until properly bled. Never pick just before killing in order to save the feathers. The feathers should be taken off after they are killed, before they get cold—in other words, while they are bleeding—as at that time they come out very easily, but if they are picked before they are killed it leaves the skin so inflamed that the stock will not bring a good price. After the feathers which are to be saved are taken off, the geese and ducks should be scalded in water as near the boiling point as possible without boiling. Pick the legs dry before scalding, hold the fowl by the head and legs and immerse, then lift up and down three times. If the head is immersed, it turns the color of the comb and gives the eyes a shrunken appearance, which leads buyers to think the fowl has been sick. The feathers and pin feathers should be removed immediately, very cleanly and without breaking the skin. If the feathers do not come off readily after the birds are scalded, wrap the bodies in blankets for the purpose of steaming them, but they must not be left in this condition long enough to cook the flesh.

Another good way to remove the down is to rub the feathers with powdered resin before the bird is scalded, and then the down comes off with the resin, which makes a very good way of dressing ducks and geese, especially geese. Do not pick the feathers off the head, and it is well to leave them on the neck close to the head for a space of two or three inches. The feet should not be skinned nor the bodies singed for the purpose of removing the down or hair, as the heat from the flame will cause them to look oily and bad. After they are picked clean they should be held in scalding water about ten seconds for the purpose of plumping them, and then rinsed in clean, cold water.

The best time to sell ducks and geese is when they are young if they are raised early. Most of the live geese are marketed during September, October and November. There is a good market for live ducks all summer or, in fact, the year around, but after the weather has turned cold it is better to ship both ducks and geese dressed. The larger they are the better prices they will bring per pound. While the market sometimes gets overstocked on ducks, it never has and never will be overstocked on large, fat geese at any time of the year, as we have a Jewish trade that is always looking for large, fat geese, and as a rule they are always scarce. We want to impress on the minds of breeders that they must raise large geese. Do not forget that it costs no more to raise large geese than small ones, and when they come to the market they will bring from two to three times as much either by the pound or by the dozen.—Poultry Keeper.

What Makes a Fowl Sick.

An item, parentage unidentified, yet so good and comprehensive as to be worth pasting in every poultryman's hat, was found in an exchange. It is as follows:

The most troublesome diseases of fowls, with their causes, may be summed up as follows:

Roup—Planted by "only a neglected slight cold."

Cholera—Caused principally by overcrowding.

Diarrhea—Damp houses, filthy houses and runs and bad feeding.

Canker—Dampness and filth.

Diphtheria—Roosting in drafts, also damp houses.

Ulcerated Throat—Ditto.

Consumption—Neglected cold.

Apoplexy, Vertigo and Epilepsy—Overfeeding.

Sore Eyes—Damp houses.

Costiveness and Constipation—Improper food.

Soft and Swelled Crop—Overfeeding

Indigestion and Dyspepsia—Ditto.

Pip—Damp quarters.

Bronchitis—Ditto.

Black Rot—Result of indigestion.

Soft Eggs—Overfeeding.

Gout, Rheumatism and Cramp—Damp houses.

Leg Weakness—Inbreeding and overfeeding.

Bumble Foot—High perches.

Scaly Legs—Filthy and damp quarters.

Chicken Pox—Ditto.

The Figures Will Speak.

It is probable that if an accurate census of poultry and eggs can be taken it will be found that the value thereof will exceed $300,000,000. This is an enormous sum and throws the "fancy" part far into the shade. It is the great trainloads of poultry and eggs going to the large cities that show the magnitude of the poultry interests. With a population of 80,000,000 people and estimating that each person consumes $5 worth of poultry and eggs in one year the sum is $400,000,000. Then there is the large number of eggs used in the arts. We are still importing eggs, and our country does not supply itself.

While the farmers largely assist in this production, yet the cities, towns and villages contain thousands who keep small flocks. The hen is but a small creature, but there are millions of hens, and they produce something every day in the year. In the face of a great array of figures and facts let the poultry business have its proper place, for it is the rival of any other. Cattle, horses, sheep, swine and even wheat are falling to the rear behind poultry.

And yet it is styled a "fancy" business and breeders fail to comprehend the figures.

AN INSPIRATION.

It Showed the Bashful Youth a Happy Way to Pop the Question.

"It's a go," announced the young man with beaming face, "and the happy day has been set!"

"So you got your courage up to the point at last?" said the friend who understood the situation.

"Yes. Say, it isn't hard when you get started. But it is a wonder I didn't get nervous prostration before I made the plunge! I was six months trying to get courage enough to ask the all important question. But every time that I opened my mouth to speak I simply broke out into a cold sweat and couldn't say a word for the life of me. I would have retreated a dozen times bag and baggage if I could have done so gracefully. Not that I didn't want the girl, but simply for the reason that I despaired of ever being able to ask her to be mine. The girl acted, too, as if she had a right to hear something to the point. But I could only sit there like a chuckle headed idiot and abuse the weather. I would have been right there in the same horrible situation if something hadn't happened to break the ice.

"One night last week we were sitting side by side on a sofa and during one of those blissful moments when nothing was being said I chanced to notice the girl's eyes intently fixed upon a motto that hung on the wall opposite and which read, 'Love One Another.' I'll be hanged if I ever saw that motto before, but it gave me an inspiration, and I leaned over and murmured, 'Shall we?' and she murmured, 'I don't mind,' and it was all over but the shouting!"—Detroit Free Press.

ONE ON HIS FATHER.

Smart Youth Is Caught, Then Victimizes Parent.

The 12-year-old son of a Van Buren street fond parent recently became the proud possessor of some guinea pigs. A day or two after the same were safely corralled in a cage he went about bragging of his new acquisition among his playmates. Now, it seems these youngsters knew of a "sell" in which guinea pigs play a prominent part. They started to "hook" the youngster and caught him fast and hard.

He felt so bad about it that he started in turn to "sell" some one else. His father was the victim.

"Did you know, papa, that if you hold a guinea pig by the tail its eyes will drop out?"

His father laughed outright.

"Why, who in wonder told you such stuff, Louis?"

"The boys all say that," answered Louis, sober as a judge, "and it's so, yes, sir."

"Oh, nonsense," said his father, still laughing.

"Well, you go to the cage and hold one up and you'll see."

Just to humor the boy the father went out. In a moment he came back looking—well, looking just like a man that's been badly sold.

"The little rascal got me that time," he replied to a friend.

"But I don't see the point," said the friend.

"Don't you?"

"No."

"Well, guinea pigs have no tails."—Topeka Capital.

The Magic Lantern.

How many of us while using magic lanterns have wondered how they were first made? Indeed they are of very respectable antiquity. As early as the seventeenth century a Jesuit named Kircher constructed one. It was a very crude affair, and as he was not unwilling to excite the fears of the persons who witnessed his exhibitions he called it a "magic" lantern, and so it has always been called.

There are reasons to believe that the lantern was in use even earlier than the seventeenth century and that the mysterious figures which the old astrologers produced in the smoke of their mystic fires were produced in the same way as Kircher produced his, the smoke hiding the lantern.

It Told the Truth.

A countryman on a visit to Glasgow, while walking along Argyle street reading the signboards and the tickets in the shop windows, said to his companion: "Hoo can a' thae ham shops be the best and cheapest? Every yin o' them says that, and the same wi' the clothes shops tae. They are jist a lot o' leears."

They continued along the street until, coming opposite a plumber's shop with a big bill in the window with the words "Cast Iron Sinks" printed in large letters on it, he exclaimed: "Well, Jock, here's yin that tells the truth at ony rate. But any dunged fool kens that cast iron wad sink."

Her Choice.

Once upon a time a Young Person, by Dint of Frugality, had accumulated a Wad, and, the season of Millinery Openings having come, it was now Up to her.

"Shall I," she mused in no small anxiety, "make my Wad look like 30 cents, or shall I trim my own hat and thus make myself look like 30 cents?"

As the Shrewd Reader will doubtless have conjectured, the Upshot of the matter was that the Young Person purchased a Lovely Imported Creation, costing $50.—Detroit Journal.

Obeying Papa.

Stern Father—Now, now, my boys. Quarreling again—and for a miserable little halfpenny?

One of the Boys—Well, you said, father, the less we quarreled about the better!—London Tit-Bits.

A Sweet Emerson.

"What a beautiful volume of Emerson's 'Essays' you have, Miss Madge."

"Yes. Isn't it lovely? It's a candy box."—Indianapolis Journal.

REMEMBRANCE.

In a lone bleak wood a wild rose grew.
No eye ever saw it, no mind ever knew,
But the flower was none the less as fair
As any that ever breathed the air.
It gazed up to the calm, cold sky
And shuddered to think it soon must die.

It languished, and its heart grew chill;
The caress of a zephyr might well ... a kill,
But a passing breeze gave encouragement
And bore afar its delicate scent;
The breeze thus laden kissed a child
Who played in the meadow and, pausing, smiled.

The dear enchantment of that spot
The child, through a lifetime, never forgot.
The soul of the rose, with its last sweet breath,
Leaped forth to meet approaching death,
And gave to the breeze every crimson flake;
'Twas all it had, for memory's sake.

No eye ever saw it, no mind ever guessed
The sweetness of its final rest.
How came I to know it? 'Twas told by the dew
How sweet is Remembrance, and I tell you.
—J. B. Delany in Guidon.

WALK BLINDLY TO DEATH.

One of the Keenest Birds Is Often Deceived by His Visual Organ.

After trudging all day along the top of the mountain with no success at all, inasmuch as I had shot several times, but failed to bring down my game, I ran across an old hunter, J. W. Hyde. After the usual greeting we seated ourselves on an old log to exchange notes. I put the question:

"Why are the turkeys always on the run when I see them?"

The old man spit through his teeth, changed his position, laid his long, muzzle loading rifle on the ground, put the fourth portion of a plug of tobacco in his mouth and proceeded to tell me why the turkeys were always on the run when I saw them:

"Of all the game I have ever hunted turkeys display the most wonderful power of vision. I cannot tell just why this is. I have made a microscopical examination of the eyes of the hawk, eagle, fox, weasel and owl, but find no material difference in the lens and retina. The ciliary muscles and the iris are exactly the same, yet none of these keen visioned creatures can compare with the turkey in point of seeing. I remember the acuteness of sight displayed by one old gobbler. I had carefully concealed myself, and no part of my body was visible but the upper part of my head. A puff of wind slightly disturbed the brim of my hat. He saw it and immediately took to flight.

"On another occasion I was hunting in the mountains in Georgia. I was lying behind a log and was carefully hidden, all but the upper part of my face. A turkey was slowly coming in response to my call and was carefully noticing for signs of danger. A mosquito was stinging me fearfully on the forehead. I raised my finger slowly to crush it, and as soon as the finger came within range of vision cluck went the turkey, and he was gone.

"Now, the most inexplicable thing in regard to hunting turkeys is that, with all their acuteness of sight, the surest way to get a shot is to sit down in an open place with your back against a tree, in full view, and, strange to say, they will walk up within ten steps without seeing you."

Just then we noticed that the sun was down. The old hunter invited me to spend the night at his camp, which I did and had a most pleasant time.—Forest and Stream.

A Big Grasshopper.

A geographical expedition which set out for Australia from Boston on an exploring and mapmaking tour had engaged a negro cook, who took great interest in everything he saw. While the party was en route a kangaroo broke out of the grass and made for the horizon with prodigious leaps, an event that interested the colored gentleman from the Hub exceedingly.

"You all have pretty wide meadows hereabouts, I reckons," he said to the native who was guiding the party.

"Not any larger than those of other countries," returned the guide most politely.

"Well, there must be mighty powerful high grass roundabouts, heh?" he insisted.

"Not that I know of," replied the guide. "Why do you ask such odd questions?"

"Why, I'll tell you, boss. I was thinkin of the mighty uncommon magnitude of them grasshoppers."—Kansas City Independent.

Knocks Their Shoes Off.

Strange as it may seem, people killed in a railroad wreck are generally bereft of their shoes by the shock. In commenting on this peculiarity an old railroad engineer said: "A man who is killed in a railroad accident seldom dies with his boots on. I don't know why this should be, but it is a fact. It is particularly true in the case of a man who is struck by an engine and killed. In nine cases out of ten, when the body is picked up, it will be found minus shoes. Even men wearing heavy top boots are not exempt from this strange rule. Why is it? I guess you'll have to ask somebody who is wiser than I am."—Philadelphia Record.

Try It.

One can hear better with the mouth open than shut, a fact which may be verified by stopping the ears while passing through a railway tunnel and alternately opening and shutting one's mouth. The increase in the volume of sound while the mouth is open must be experienced to be appreciated.

A Tumultuous Moment.

Doctor—I'm afraid your husband doesn't get enough exercise.

Mrs. De Style—Well, he'll be exercised enough when my dressmaker sends in her bill.—Chicago News.

The greatest number of races ever won by a jockey in one season was the 246 by Fred Archer, 1885.

An Irish philosopher says there is no blessing like health, especially when a fellow is sick.

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There is a great variety of chicken coops made, some of which are suitable, but the large majority of those seen in different parts of the country are badly made, badly ventilated, and in them it is impossible for the hen and her brood to thrive well. The requirements of a coop are that it shall give shelter to the inmates, be warm and on no account drafty. It should also be made so that it can be easily moved, as it is advisable to change its position every day. Besides this it should be made so that it can protect the hen and her chickens from the visits of unwelcome guests during the night.

The first illustration shows an excellent pair of chicken coops for fine weather and in sheltered spots. There is a shutter that can be placed in front at nights, thus affording protection from the weather, rats, etc. This form has usually no floor, and in dry districts one is not required. If, however, it is to be put upon a damp place, then a floor is essential, otherwise the hen and her chickens will be liable to severe colds. The best plan is to have a movable floor, one that can be taken in and out at will. Thus, if the weather is wet, it can be placed in, while when it is warm and dry it need not be used. These coops are very easily made, and the cost is slight.

A PAIR OF USEFUL COOPS.

The height in front should be about 2 feet, sloping down to 18 inches at the back. The most useful size for a hen and her brood is 21 inches square, but this, of course, depends to a large extent upon the size of the hen, as with some small breeds this would be larger than necessary, while with big birds it would prove to be insufficient.

The dimensions stated are about correct for an ordinary sized fowl. The back, sides and top should be made solid of wood at least seven-eighths of an inch in thickness. The front is formed of wire or wooden bars, the latter being greatly preferable. These should be about two inches wide and placed two inches apart from each other, so that the chicks can easily run in and out, while the hen is unable to, yet it is sufficiently large for her to get her head through for feeding. One of the front bars should be made six inches longer than the others when laths are used, so as to form a door. When those of two inches in width are used, this will make an opening of six inches, which is large enough for a hen to enter by. If a slot is made at the bottom of the coop for the reception of the loose bar and a similar place is made at the top, through which it can slip up and down, an excellent door is formed.—Profitable Farm and Garden.

A Funny Surprise.

This story is told by a man who dislikes nothing so much as to be asked questions: "My little girl is very fond of seashells," he said, "and, having been called to Atlantic City on business one day, I took advantage of the opportunity to run down to the beach to see if I could pick up a few. I was strolling along the sand, gathering a few shells and pebbles, which I placed in my handkerchief, when along came one of those old idiots who ask questions with their mouths which their eyes could answer.

"He smiled upon me and said: 'Fine day, isn't it? Are you gathering shells?'

"'No,' I snapped back, saying the first thing that popped into my mind; 'I'm looking for a set of false teeth I lost while in bathing.'

"He expressed his sympathy, and then his face lit up as his eye caught sight of a pink and white object on the sand. 'Well, I declare! Here they are now!' he exclaimed, and, sure enough, he picked up a set of false teeth lying right at his feet. I was too surprised to do anything but grab them and put them in my pocket. The funny part of it is that I never had a tooth pulled in my life. I wonder who that false set belongs to."—Philadelphia Record.

Quick Collection.

"My! What a splendid library your husband has, Mrs. Flashington. It must have taken him years and years to get all those books together."

"Oh, no. We moved into a house two years ago that had book shelves built all around one room, and he done it in about three weeks."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Condescension.

"Well, this is great, I must say."

"What's the matter?"

"I gave Della money to get me some things in Paris, and here she sends a note with them worded as if she were making me a present of them."—Indianapolis Journal.

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It is the sworn duty of a member of a board of city trustees to look after the welfare of the city, to see that all work is done promptly and to the letter of a contract regardless of the pecuniary loss to be sustained by a party taking a contract at starvation rates. He should have the interest of his city at heart and not propose to put pecuniary balsam on the burns of a friend who has played too near the fire.

It is hoped that this session of Congress will appropriate the necessary funds for the Isthmian canal and furthermore that it will provide fortifications at each end manned by American artillerymen and strong enough to repel the fiercest of attacks from a hostile nation. The United States is sufficiently powerful to do as it pleases in this line without heeding foreign dictations.

Monday's wreck near Suisun was undoubtedly due to cross carelessness on the part of some of the Southern Pacific employees. The coming session of the legislature should pass a law far reaching and strong enough to make the companies keep track of all trains between all stations on their roads and thus prevent the frequent accidents.

The second session of the Fifty-sixth Congress convened Monday and listened to a most thoughtful and comprehensive message from President McKinley. It then set to work.

Modesty forbids Mr. Roosevelt to say what he thinks of the proposition to nominate Senator Hanna for President in 1901. Anyhow, no man ought to be elected to a third term as president, and that bars Hanna.—Reflector.

We take it for granted that the quill driver of the above paper considers Mr. Hanna the president in fact. If this be a fact he has made a dandy and his election as our chief executive would not be out of order.

Cook and McKinzie and C. H. Anderson, of Monticello, filed six claims to oil lands with the county recorder. Some 420 citizens of Napa county are interested in the oil discovery and have $4.500 invested. A big load of lumber has been taken over to Berryessa to build a cabin for the men and a derrick floor at the Mt. Shasta Oil and Development company's location. Another oil spring has been discovered in Berryessa, back of Monticello. It comes to the surface freely.

A British steamer has made a trip of nearly ten thousand miles—from Borneo to London—using petroleum as fuel. The vessel formerly used coal and the services of sixteen firemen were required. With oil for fuel six were sufficient. The fuel bill was materialyl reduced. If the new oil fields id West Virginia fulfill thier present promises, crude oil is apt to go below the dollar mark. In the light of the English steamers an outlet should be found for cheap crude oil that would not confer benefits upon the producer, but upon ocean going vessels.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Paid Dear for His Leg

B. D. Blanton of Thackervill Tex. in two years paid over $300. to doctors to cure a running sore. Then they wanted to cut it off, but he cured it with one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Guaranteed cure for Piles. 29¢ a box. Sold by Ed. Wegner druggits.

A very successful Farmers' Institute was held in Healdsburg last Friday.

Fred Harrison is assisting Mr. Astill in the electric light plant. He will probably remain a month.

EL VERANO LOCALS

Items Gathered by Observation and Hearsay.

Will McGill made a trip to San Francisco Sunday. On Monday he took his departure for Cloverdale where he will reside in the future.

Mr. Hook of San Francisco is spending the week at the old Bell place, recently purchased by a Mrs. Howe.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Philips of San Francisco visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Dowdall the first of the week.

Peeping Tom of Sonoma got lost in the fog one night this week and strayed into this quiet little burg and commenced a flirtation with Frank Freiggero through the opera house windows. By the time Frank had prepared his artillery to demolish this naughty Tom the latter had sought the shelter of the bushes along Sonoma creek.

Kenneth Weaver returned home Saturday evening after attending the Thanksgiving football game.

Mark Mc Gill visited his brother Will at this place Saturday.

Louis Kearney visited friends in Petaluma Sunday.

Fred Frediani a former saloon man of this place was here Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. Hinkel, a restaurant man of San Francisco, is at the Villa for a few day's stay.

The P. I. company is having some surveying done about town.

Misses Grace Carmer and Mary Chance attended the Glen Ellen dance Saturday night.

O. P. Paulstine transacted business in Santa Rosa Saturday.

Prof. C. T. Wilkinson and wife were up from Berkeley Saturday and Sunday.

A. Nevraumont is improving the looks of his property by planting shade trees about the place.

Alfred Nordwell of San Francisco was up Friday and Saturday.

Blair Hart was in town Sunday.

Mitchel Mullen sold two thoroughbred spaniel pups to San Francisco parties the first of the week.

A telegraph office has been put in at Gelston station and will be in operation as soon as the operator arrives.

A New Bridge

The bridge of the California Northwestern Railroad over the Russian river at Healdsburg is practically complete and is a monument to the engineering ingenuity of the officials in charge. The fact that the structure was built during the busiest season of the year without interupting the heavy freight and passenger traffic in the slightest degree or delaying a single train speaks volumns for the ability of the engineering corps which planned and superintended the work. It was necessary to build a temporary bridge of wood and take the old structure away before the new one could be started.

The plans were made by Chief Engineer F. K. Zook of the railroad and were carried out by Foreman Wiltermood who was in charge. The structure is modern in design and material used is intended to withstand the raging torrents of the winter floods and ravages of time for generations. It is built of steel, and the tons of bolts, knees, braces and hundreds of other pieces which go to make up the bridge are calculated to respond to contraction from winter's cold and the expansion caused by summer's heat. The structure will be painted before it is turned over to the operating department of the railroad.

Shooting Notices.

We have a lot of notices to hunters printed on cloth, which we are selling quite reasonable.

The "cash" is the most common circulating coin of China. It is a copper and zinc piece about the size of the American quarter of a dollar, with a square hole in the center for convenience in stringing many of them together.

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SHELLVILLE PENNINGS.

Late Happenings in our Little Burg

Capt. and Mrs. Hauto went to San Francisco Friday where she will enter the German hospital for surgical treatment. The Captain returned home the same evening.

Frank and Floyd Manuel of Calistoga are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Manuel.

Miss Etta Lawlor went to Petaluma Thursday afternoon.

N. Sorenson spent Friday in the metropolis where he went to have his eyes fitted with glasses.

Chas. Ohm made a business trip to the bay city Friday.

M. P. Akers lost a fine colt last week by a peculiar accident. The colt broke a bone in one of its hind legs which necessitated the killing of the animal.

The many friends of J. B. Bacon, formerly agent at Schellville and who recently secured a position with the Chesapeak & Ohio railroad, will be sorry to learn of his serious injury received in the late wreck on the C. & O. Mr. Bacon's spine was injured, both arms were broken and his skull fractured. If he survives his injuries he will undoubtedly be crippled for life.

Chas. Ohm is having his residence at Embarcadero painted throughout. Art ist McNiell is doing the work.

M. P. Akers and W. Goodman drove to Lakeville Sunday.

Tony Kiser and John Harper attended the N. S. G. W. meeting Monday evening.

A large audience greeted Rev. Clark of Benicia last Sunday in the San Luis school house where he delivered an able and interesting sermon which was enjoyed by all present.

Park Donahue returned to Kenwood Wednesday morning after a several days sojourn with his mother Mrs. M. Donahue.

Henry Hartin and little daughter were in town Sunday.

Buy your Christmas presents at Steuben's jewelry store.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Malstedt spent Sunday with home folks.

Mrs. L. M. Johannson is quite sick at her home on the Napa road.

Hugh Maxwell was among the passengers on the Monday evening's train.

Mrs. J. E. Poppe and son Ray were visitors to the bay city Wednesday.

Miss Florence La Vine of San Francisco was a visitor in this place Sunday.

Miss C. C. Granice returned to Berkeley Sunday after a brief visit with home folks.

Miss Alice Bryant returned Sunday after spending Thanksgiving at her Santa Rosa home.

Don't fail to look at Geo. Daunt the Petaluma jeweler's new ad. which appears in another column When in Petaluma give him a call.

John Batto & Son are now engaged in buying and shipping hay. They are paying the highest market prices and will handle this product in any quanuity. *

Geo. Breitenbach has made some neat improvements in his harness establishment by having the show windows enclosed with glass.

There will be no services in the Congregational church Sunday December 9th other than the Sunday School session which will be held at 10 a. m.

Commencing Sunday December 16th mass will be celebrated at St. Franci's church on Sundays at 10 o'clock only, except on the first Sunday of each month when it will be celebrated at 9 o'clock.

The Spreckles Sugar company has hit upon a use for oil cars which supply the factory with crude petroleum for the furnaces. After the cargo of oil has been emptied the tanks are thoroughly cleaned with steam and refilled with the syrup which remains after the sugar has been extracted. This liquid is sent to the Oxnard factory, where it is converted into vinegar. Heretofore the cars were sent back empty to fields in the southern part of the state.

GLEN ELLEN JOTTINGS.

Seen and Heard in the Summer Resort.

The sock social given by the ladies of the Congregational church at the residence of F. Quien last Wednesday night was a success in every particular.

The axe has fallen at the Home during last week and a number of changes among the employes have been made.

The Grape Growers dance at the Mervyn hotel last Saturday evening was well attended and a very enjoyable affair.

Mrs. Jas. W. Gibson and daughter arrived home from Petaluma last Wednesday.

Patrick Ferguson, a brother of E. J. Ferguson of this place and an employee on the freight train at Suisun, fortunately did not go out with train on the day of the wreck.

M. F. Turley was a Sonoma visitor last Tuesday.

Mrs. O. Gordenker has been quite ill the past week. She is now gradually improving.

Heavy fogs prevailed here during the past week. The mountains, however, were perfectly clear with lots of sunshine.

Union Hotel to be Reopened

The Union Hotel which closed last Saturday has been rented to Henry Hartin, who will take possession immediately. As stated in our last issue Mrs. J. W. Morris, who has been proprietress of the hotel for the past eight years will move to Oakland where her husband and son will go into business. Mr. Enke has not definitely decided where he will reside in the future. The hotel fixtures are to be sold at auction next Monday.

A Keen Clear Brain

Your best feeling, your social position or business success depends largely on the perfect action of your Stomach and Liver. Dr. King's New Life Pills give increased strength, a keen clear brain, high ambition. A 25¢ box will make you feel like a new being. Sold by Ed. Wegner druggist.

Tomorrow (Saturday) night there will be an entertainment at the Feeble Minded Home for the purpose of getting money to brighten the coming holiday season for the inmates. An excellent programme is promised and it is hoped the people will make it a sucess by a full attendance.

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Geo. Laux left for San Francisco Sunday where he will enter the employ of the Santa Fe railroad.

Before Bert Jones leaves Sonoma he expects to receive the inspiration for another song "Don't forget Jones" We won't.

Last Monday evening the Native Son's parlor of this place held their semi-annual election of officers. The following members were elected to fill the various offices: Benj. Weed, Past President; A. L. Keiser, President; J. M. Guilfoyle, 1st Vice-President; W. O. Hocker, 2nd Vice-President; Joseph Ryan, 3rd Vice-President; G. S. Harris, Treasurer; L. H. Green, Secretary; J. J. Harper, Marshal; P. Perasso, Trustee.

An unknown tramp was struck by the engine of a north bound C. and N. train at Santa Rosa Sunday night and was instantly killed. The train men knew nothing of the accident at the time and the body was not discovered until some hours later. At the inquest it was shown that the man was drunk at the time he was struck and exonerated the rail road from all blame. At the time the accident happened it was very foggy and the engineer saw no one near the track.

Just Saved His Life

It was a thrilling escape that Charles Davis of Bowerston, O., lately had from a frightful death. For two years a severe lung trouble constantly grew worse until it seemed he must die of consumption. Then he began to use Dr. Kings New Discovery and lately wrote: "It gave instant relief and effected a permanent cure." Such wonderful cures for 25 years, proven its power to cure Throat, Chest and Lung troubles. Price 50¢ and $1.00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottle free at Ed. Wegner's drug store.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Congregational Church

Rev. Chas. D Milliken, Pastor. Services: Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m., Y. P. S. C. E. service at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesdays at 2:30 p. m. Junior Endeavor meeting, Friday's at 3:15 p. m. Ladies' Aid Society and Missionary Society meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month

Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. J. J. Pardee, Pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. on Sunday.

Episcopal Servides

Episcopal services will be held in the San Luis school house the first Sunday of each month at 11 o'clock a. m. W. L. Clark, Rector.

Catholic Church.

Rev. W. P. Quill Rector. Mass: Sundays, 8:30 a. m. and 10:30 a. m. Sunday school at 9:45. Week days 7:30 a. m.

LODGE NOTICES

F & A M

Temple Lodge No. 14 meets in the Masonic Hall on the Tuesday evening on or preceeding the full moon of each month.

I O O F

Sonoma Lodge, No. 28 meets at Odd Fellows' Hall every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m

Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 99 meets in Odd Fellows hall on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month.

O E S

Valley Of The Moon Chapter, No. 85. meets in the Masonic hall on the Thursday evening on or preceeding the full moon of each month.

Y M I

No 45 meets the first Wednesday evenings in each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

A O U W

Pueblo Lodge No. 168 meets every 1st and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month at Odd Fellows hall.

O O F

Sonoma Vineyard Council, No. 162 meets the first and third Friday of each month in Odd Fellows' hall.

N S G W

Sonoma Parlor No. 111 meets on the first Monday Evening of each month at Odd Fellows' hall.

U A O D

Sonoma Grove No. 75 meets on the first and third Friday in each month at Odd Fellows hall

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Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned E. E. Thompson and M. S. Webber in the business of general store keepers and merchants at the City of Sonoma, State of California, has been dissolved and that said business will henceforth be carried on by said E. E. Thompson who assumes and will pay all the debts due by the partnership.

Dated this 24th day of September, 1900.

E. E. THOMPSON.
Witness M. S. WEBBER.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of the Estate of KUNIGUNDA NAU, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Kunigunda Nau, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator with the will annexed, at the law office of Robert A. Poppe, on the east side of the Plaza, in the City of Sonoma, county of Sonoma, State of California, the same being the place for the transaction of the business of said estate in said County of Sonoma, State of California.

WILLIAM EDWARD GOETHE,
Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Kunigunda Nau, deceased.

Dated at Sonoma, Cal., September 21st, 1900.
Robert A. Poppe, Attorney for estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estate of Hobarta Sarah Merlin-jones, deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Hobarta Sarah Merlin-jones, deceased to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator at the law office of A. B. Ware in the Doyle & Overton Co. Building in the City of Santa Rosa, California, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the county of Sonoma, State of California.

LEOPOLD W. JUSTI,
Administrator of the Estate of Hobarta Sarah Merlin-jones, Deceased.

Dated at Santa Rosa, Cal., August 21st, 1900
A. B. Ware, Attorney for Administrator.

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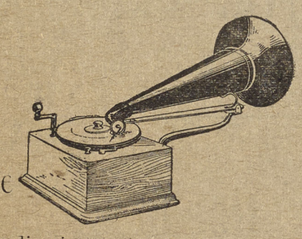

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Leaves Sonoma		From Nov. 7, '00	Arrive Sonoma	
W'k days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	W'k days
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	S. F., S. Rafael	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen	6.40 a. m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m	intermediates	3.37 p. m.	2.45p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	Petalu. S. Rosa	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	C'v'le H'ldsb'rg		10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.		intermediates.	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
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2.45 p. m.		intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	Sebastapol and	10.25 a. m.	
	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	Guerneville and		10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.		intermediates.	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.

H. C. Whiting
GENERAL MANAGER

R. X. Ryan
GEN. PASS. AGENT.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Viewings of the Valley Taken at Random.

Frank Watriss was a Santa Rosa visitor Monday.

Will Steuben transacted business in San Francisco Monday.

C. Nauman of San Francisco spent Sunday at the Bates home.

Rev. C. D. Milliken is confined to his room with a severe cold.

A. McGill of Guerneville visited relatives here the first of the week.

John Pierce of Arizona is here for a visit with friends and relatives.

Al. Pauli was up from San Francisco and spent Sunday with his family.

Editor McDonnell of Sebastopol spent Sunday here visiting home folks and friends.

Mrs. A. Pauli assisted in furnishing music for the dance at Glen Ellen Saturday night.

Henry Hyde rendered some excellent organ music at the Congregational church last Sunday.

Several of our town admirers of the light fantastic attended the dance at Glen Ellen Saturday night.

There will be services in the Methodist church Sunday December 9th both morning and evening.

The glass doors of the Sonoma Valley Bank have been lettered in gold and silver giving the banking hours.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ryland returned to San Francisco Saturday after a week's visit with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood returned to their home in Santa Rosa Monday after a pleasant visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lowell.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Goess returned home Wednesday eve., after being called to the sick room of Mr. Goess' sister, Mrs. Keating of San Leandro.

Jas. Bell et al to Annie B Howe, Nov. 28-00, 72.27 acres Petaluma rancho, adjoining Lewis and Dowdall places. This is the place formerly occupied by P. Olsen.

Misses Theo Bates and Dora Burris returned home Saturday evening after a pleasant trip to the bay city. On their return they were accompanied by little Nancy Bates.

Guy Weems who has been in San Rafael for some weeks past spent the first of the week with his parents here. He left Tuesday evening for Bakersfield where he has secured a situation in a drug store.

Dr Finley of Santa Rosa while on his way to Sonoma last Sunday to fill the pulpit at the Methodist church was take suddenly ill and had to be taken home. This will account for the non arrival of the Doctor here Sunday.

Last Monday A. L. Bryan, the proprietor of the large shoe factory at Petaluma, died in Lake county. He was one of the largest shoe manufacturing men in the state and the business will sustain a great loss by his death.

W. W. Ellis formerly of this place has located a valuable gold mining claim in Trinity county. Ore from which assays $96 to the ton. In order to keep track of Sonoma friends he has placed his name on the subscription list of the EXPOSITOR.

Rev. Wycoff preached in the Congregational church last Sunday morning in the interest of the Church Building Association. He set forth its good works in the past and spoke of its possibilities for the future. Rev. Wycoff is one of the former pastors of this church.

James Morris who is employed by the Goodyear Rubber Co. of San Francisco had the misfortune of falling down one of the company's elevator shafts last week. As a result he was badly shaken up and received a bad cut over the left eye. He is now spending a few days with home folks at Agua Caliente.

AT UNION HALL.

The Entertainment and Fair a Marked Success and Highly Appreciated

The ladies of the Congregational church gave their annual entertainment and fair in Union hall last Tuesday night. The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and the booths and stands were prettily arranged with tempting refreshments and delicate pieces of fancy work, the result of tireless efforts on the part of the ladies of the church.

An entertaining and excellently rendered program was given by Mrs. Minnesota McBain Thompson of Santa Rosa ably assisted by home talent. Mrs. Thompson's ability as an elocutionist was well established in this valley at her last appearance and it was a well filled house that greeted this pretty Santa Rosa Tuesday evening. Her every appearance was enthusiastically received and she was encored many times. Our home musicians and singers were equally well received but would only respond to the encors with a bow.

After the entertainment the remainder of the evening was spent in conversation across the dainty refreshments and in purchasing the pieces of fancy work offered for sale. The grab-bag was a source of great attraction and a place before it was always at a premium. It is a question as to whether the young or the old got the most enjoyment from it.

From the social as well as the financial standpoint the affair was a complete success.

Trustees' Meeting

The Board of City Trustees met Wednesday evening for the first meeting in the month with Trustee Duhring in the chair. Trustee Ciucci was absent. After the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved the following bills were presented, audited and warrants ordered drawn on the city treasury for their payment.

A. Astill lights	$51 00
Jas. H. Albertson, salary	15 00
John Jacob, cleaning streets	11 00
J. D. Wagnon, repairing road	2 00
D. Valenti, cleaning gutter	2 00

A communication from H. H. Granice was read stating that he would print the revised ordinances in his paper and in pamphlet form similar to the Napa ordinances for $50. providing that the pamphlet did not contain over fifty pages, if it did exceed that number a charge of one dollar for each additional page would be made. Trustee Duhring favored its acceptance but the other members ordered it laid over until the next meeting, that is the printing of the ordinances in pamphlet form.

The electric light contract was extended another month on the old terms to give the company a chance to see if the crude oil generator, lately put in, could be made a success. So far it has proven a failure.

Trustee Hotz was appointed to ask the Hon. R. A. Poppe to represent Sonoma at the convention of California municipalities. There being no further business presented the board adjourned.

Frank Redmond is visiting friends in our valley.

Don't fail to look at our several new display ads which appear in another column.

G. H. Hotz has arranged his show windows and counters with a fine line of Xmas goods.

Mrs. L.V.Emparan accompanied by her two sons, Carlos and Raouil, visited Vallejo friends Monday and Tuesday.

Rev. F. Watry has returned to Sonoma where he will engage in the chicken business, after an absence of nearly two years in Weaverville where he has been preaching.

Henry Castagnasso went to the city Sunday morning. He returned in the evening accompanied by his brother-in-law P. Boccoli, who has been in St. Mary's hospital for nearly two months as the result of injuries received in a hand car accident. He is getting along nicely.

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THE S. P. COLLISION

Many Lives are Lost in a Railroad Wreck Near Suisun Monday.

Owing to the gross carlessness of the Southern Pacific railroad in not knowing where its trains are, a freight train four hours late and going at the rate of sixty miles an hour crashed into a work train a short distance from Suisun Tuesday morning. As a result seven men were instantly killed and a score or more injured in a most shocking manner.

The work train left Suisun with the understanding that the road was clear as it was supposed that the overland freight had passed through some for hour before. It was a foggy morn and the train was going very slowly and consequently all loss of life was in that train when struck by the fast freight. The trainmen all jumped to save themselves but the workmen were in the closed cars and had no opportunity to save themselves.

O. E. S. Installation

At last night's meeting of the local chapter of the Eastern Star the newly elected officers for the coming year were installed. The installation was conducted by Past Worthy Matron McHarvey who installed the fallowing officers: Mrs. R. A. Poppe W. M. W. O. Hocker W. P., Mrs. Perkins A. M., Miss M. Goodman Sec., Mrs M. Shaw Treas., Mrs. L. C. Cordill Cond., Mrs. L. M. Johannsen A. Cond. Owing to the sickness of Mrs Johannsen her office of Associate Conductress was filled by proxy. Mrs. Davis, Ada; Mrs. Chas. Cutter, Ruth; Mrs. Hocker, Esther; Mrs. P. Thmpson, Martha; Annie Pemberton, Electa; Mrs. Frank Weaver, Marshal; Mrs. M. Cutter, Chaplain; Mrs. McIntyre, Warder; Geo. W. Reed, Sentinel.

The retiring Worthy Patron Dr. H. H. Davis presented the retiring Worthy Matron Mrs. Chas Cutter with the Past Matron's jewel and he in turn was presented by Mc Harvey with a souvenir of the Masonic Widows and Orphans home containing the O. E. S emblems.

After the pretty ceremony of installation was concluded a banquet was enjoyed by the members and a few invited guests.

New Move in Wickersham Case

The proceedings in the contest of the will of the late I. G. Wickersham have taken an unexpected turn on the part of Mrs. Cora L. Wickersham.

On Tuesday the attorneys for Mrs. Wickersham filed a motion to dismiss the contest. The motion was set for hearing next Saturday. On Wednesday her attorneys sought to file a request for judgment of dismissal to be entered in the action of Mrs. Cora L. Wickersham vs. F. A. Wickersham et al. This document was not filed, there being a question as to whether the action could be dismissed owing to the fact that there is a cross complaint in the case.

Committed Suicide

Walter Hirschfeld, manager of the Radam's Microbe Killer company of San Francisco, committed suicide Tuesday afternoon by sending a bullet through his brain. The act was done in the companies office and the body was found a little later by a clerk whom Hirschfeld had sent on an errand sometime before. Business difficulties were the causes assigned.

His domestic happiness was perfect and cannot be assigned as a cause. Mr. Hirschfeld is well known here where he has many friends. He is related to S. Schocken by marriage.

Hear Dem Drops

"Say, Mr. Johnsin, what wus dat droped?"

Oh, dats Weems' Cash Store dropin' de price on raisins, currants citron, oranges, lemons, nuts, etc. I tell you Mr. Persimmons Weems is doin' de bisness."

Mrs. Minnie Keating is dangerously ill at her San Leandro home but at last reports she is slowly getting better. She is the sister of Andrew Goess of this place and is well known in the valley where she made her home for many years.

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Remember goods at COST at Steuben's

G. Marciorini was up from Sears Point Tuesday.

Clarence Sackett and Sherman Dresser drove over from Napa Monday.

Kurt Scluss returned to Berkely Monday after a pleasant visit at the Clewe home.

James Landy was up from Bethana the first of the week the guest of home folks.

Mrs. Lulu Cutter of San Francisco spent Sunday with her sister Mrs. Emparan.

Fredo Clewe returned to Berkeley Sunday afternoon after spending a few days at home.

Jas. T. Taylor and family of San Anselmo spent Sunday as the guests of J. P. Weems. Mr. Taylor has a large paper store in San Francisco.

Get yourself a good watch from Steuben while they are going so cheap.

At the meeting of Temple Lodge No. 14 F. and A. M. last Tuesday evening the following gentlemen were elected as officers for the ensuing year: R. A. Poppe, W. M.; John D. Wagnon, S. W.; G. D. Rich, J. W.; G. H. Hotz, Treasurer; Jesse Burris, Secretary. The installation will take place at the next regular meeting.

Auction Sale at Union Hotel

All the furniture, carpets, dining room, kitchen, pantry and bar room effects of the Union hotel will be sold at public auction on the premises on Monday Dec. 10th 1900. Sale commences at 10 a. m. and will be continued until all the articles are disposed of. Everything goes without reserve. Terms cash—U. S. Gold Coin.

Parties desiring to purchase at private sale can do so between Saturday Dec. 1st and Monday Dec. 10th.

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G. H. HOTZ

Parties going to Petaluma will do well to take dinner at the Washington hotel whose ad appears in another column.

H. S. Martin returned to San Francisco Monday after spending a few days in the electric power house of this place where he was gaining a little practical knowledge of electrical machinery

The Grand Jury met Monday and after the consideration of several important matters adjourned until January 21, 1901. This will give Expert F. B. Cornue time to complete his report. At its next session several parties from this end of the county may be called to Santa Rosa to tell what they know.

How's This?

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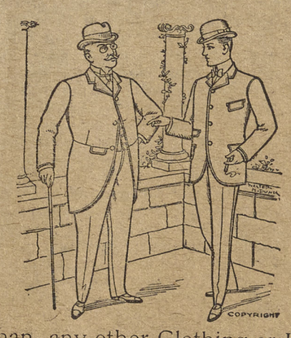

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GRADING UP A HERD.

BETTER TO BREED THAN DEPEND UPON PURCHASES.

Not Worth While to Spend Time and Trouble Upon Inferior Animals. Points to Be Considered In Selecting Cows.

Beginning ten years ago with native cows, such as were ordinarily found upon farms at that time, we became impressed with the idea that by grading up with a Jersey or Guernsey sire an improved herd of dairy cows might be secured, says a correspondent of The National Stockman. The first cross, as has been suggested, was so satisfactory that the work of grading up was carried on with increasing interest. Only the best of the female increase were retained as breeders, the selection being made after they had come in milk. These bred again to a pure bred sire gave us three-quarter blood animals. This process continued, judiciously culling the herd from year to year by means of the Babcock test and scales, gave us in a few years a herd of cows which numbered over 40, the average test of milk being 5 per cent.

Of course it was not to be expected that every animal would be of sufficient value as a butter producer to justify her retention in the dairy. But every effort has been made to develop the female animals in the best possible manner.

The males were not retained. Most of them went for baby beef to be used on the family table. This we found to be a very satisfactory manner of disposing of them. They were fed on sweet skimmilk and grain, with clover hay, until two to six months of age, then dressed off and hung in the refrigerator. With the family which the farmer usually has to provide for there is no trouble in disposing of them in this way. It furnishes cheap meat and settles very satisfactorily the question of what to do with the surplus males which are not suitable for the beef market. A few suggestions are herewith offered to those who would follow the example of the writer and raise their dairy cows in preference to purchasing them.

Breed from cows of recognized excellence. It is not worth while to spend the time and trouble with inferior animals. Look to it that the dam has the external points of a good dairy cow. Among the most important of these is the udder. Avoid malformations, be sure to select cows having well shaped udders and good sized teats. It is possible to breed to a certain type of udder, and while there may occasionally be deficiencies in this respect, if the rule is adhered to the great majority will be of good form.

Among the Guernseys there is a tendency to udders lacking in frontal fullness, although many of them carry splendid udders, square and generous in size.

Another thing of importance is whether or not a cow takes on fat readily. There are excellent cows which are fit for the block at all times, cows which produce above 300 pounds of butter a year, but as a rule pin your faith to the angular cow. The bony structure should be pronounced, which is a sign that her food does not go to fat, but rather to the production of milk. A cow must be an exceptionally heavy milker to warrant being retained in the butter dairy if by the Babcock she does not show better than a 4 per cent test. Of course while fresh any cow tests less than later on in the lacteal period. But an average, say after she has been giving milk for four months, should certainly show considerably better than the figure named. The retail milk dealer may consider a cow which gives a large quantity of 3 per cent milk best for his use, but to be manufactured into butter it is better to have a less quantity and have it richer.

Still another point to be considered in selecting cows to be bred with a view to development of the dairy herd is temperament. Avoid the kicker also. Remember that it is a law of nature that like produces like, and while kicking is merely a habit it is believed that even in this there will be transmitted a tendency to the same thing in the offspring.

Certainly my experience justifies the assertion that it is better to grade up and breed a dairy herd such as one wishes rather than depend upon the uncertainty of making satisfactory additions by purchase.

Too Much Salt.

The whole tendency among consumers is toward fresher butter. In England and on the continent butter made in those countries is served particularly fresh and white, says The American Agriculturist. In the best restaurants and hotels in the larger cities of this country the butter contains very little salt. A great number of Americans who go abroad, or who patronize city hotels and restaurants in this country, are acquiring the taste for fresh butter. The fancy dairies that command extravagant prices put out a product that is almost fresh. Creameries that are catering to the highest class grocers and the best family trade now use only half as much salt as they did five or ten years ago.

This point is worthy of more general consideration by dairymen and creamery men everywhere. The quality of salt is also important, but the leading brands are now quite above reproach in this respect. Of course the salt manufacturer favors the largest possible use of salt, but the dairyman's chief object should be quality rather than quantity in salt. The large export trade in butter, particularly in England and the continent, will never be built up until the peculiarities of that market regarding a reduced quantity of salt in butter are catered to.

SILO EVOLUTION.

Most Satisfactory Cheap Structures Made of Staves.

At first silos were either square or rectangular, but more or less difficulty was experienced from the spoiling of the silage at the corners, and it was also difficult to make the high wooden silo strong enough to resist the lateral pressure of the mass of silage, writes Assistant Agrostologist Williams of the agricultural department. This led to the building of the circular silo, which form is generally preferred at the present time. There are no corners in such a silo, and a much stronger structure can be made with less building material than in the square or rectangular type. Moreover, the capacity of the round silo is greater in proportion to the wall space. It is the present practice when building a square or rectangular silo to board up or otherwise cut off the corners, thus lessening

ROUND SILO ATTACHED TO DAIRY BARN.

the danger of loss of silage. Metal linings for the inside of wooden silos have been tried, but with poor success, usually proving less durable than wood. Recently steel siding has been used in place of wood for the outer part of the wall of the silo, and it is said to compare favorably with lumber as to cost.

The first silos built in the United States were "pit silos," and these are still sometimes made, but aside from their cheapness they have no advantage of consequence over those built on top of the ground. A serious objection to them lies in the difficulty in feeding the silage from them. On side hill situations they can sometimes be used advantageously. It is often possible to build the silo partly below and partly above ground, materially lessening the cost, but retaining the advantages of the above ground silo.

The desirability of silage as a food for farm animals during the winter and also in times of drought has led to many attempts to construct cheap silos, especially in sections where building materials are high. One of the most satisfactory of these cheap structures is known as the "stave silo." It is built much as a round tank, but is without top or bottom other than the soil, and is composed of two inch lumber of varying width held together by hoops of one-half inch iron, with suitable blocks for tightening. When filled, a temporary roof may be placed on the silo, or straw or grass may be spread over the silage.

Dainty Calves.

Probably any one who has ever had experience with calves has noticed a difference in their feeding, says a correspondent of The National Stockman. Some are greedy and eat all that is placed before them; others are always dainty. I have learned that it rarely pays to "fool" with a dainty calf. Better put it out of the way. It will not pay for the fussing. Once dainty always dainty, and I have no use for such an animal in the dairy. We want cows that will eat heartily—the more the better—and can size an animal up pretty well by the time it is a month old.

Cornmeal is a favorite feed for calves with some, but it is too fattening. A dairy calf does not need to be fat. Time was when a man was ashamed to own a potbellied calf, but nowadays unless caused by something else than eating it is a source of satisfaction rather. A dairy cow needs commodious paunch, and the cow is but the calf grown up. Let the heifer calves have lots of roughage. If there is a scarcity of clover hay, give them corn stover. They will thrive on it after the first few weeks.

Advance In Milk Prices.

The announcement that the prices of milk will be a cent a quart higher is not unexpected by those who have watched the reports of the hay crops and shortage of pasture, together with the advancing price of grain, says The American Cultivator. If the farmers received the whole benefit of this, it would not be too much, but as they get less than one-half the two last advances we think that contractors and dealers are doing a more profitable business than before, and we see no just reason why the can of eight quarts should cost the consumer 16 cents more than in July and the farmer should get only 7 cents of that. Yet we know farmers who by having better cows and by having had plenty of green feed for them in the summer and ensilage for winter feed are producing milk as cheaply or cheaper than they did two years ago, when the grass crop was so abundant. It is a good time now to select out and fatten the poorest cows, and many a herd would pay a better profit if reduced to two-thirds its present number if the unprofitable ones were disposed of.

Judged by Profits.

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Industries.

The principal industries of the valley are fruit growing, wine making and dairy farming Here also may be found the most extensive basalt quarries on the Pacific Coast. The wine of Sonoma is famous all over the United States. It commands the highest price, and is more eagerly sought than any other wine produced in California. All Fruits and Grapes are grown

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As a consequence, the Wines and Fruits of Sonoma excel all others for flavor color and bouquet.

Climate and Scenery

The climate of Sonoma valley is unsurpassed. The fogs which prevail in other portions of the State are here conspicuous for their absence, being shut out by the range of mountains on the west. The intense heat of Summer prevailing on the great plains of Caliiornia, is here tempered by the gentle breezes from the Pacific. The proximity of the ocean also tends to equalize the temperature in Winter, rendering the climate of Sonoma Valley mild, gentle and agreeable. Along the banks of Sonoma Creek may be found some of the prettiest scenery in the state of California. Extensive picnic grounds may be laid out in numberless places along this stream. Sonoma mountain and Bennett peak on the west side of the valley are conspicuous objects to the traveler. Good roads radiating from Sonoma and Glen Ellen to all points of the compass, afford excellent drives and promenades.

Good schools under the management of able and experienced teachers are to be found in Sonoma Valley, affording the best of instruction to the youth of the country.

Historical.

SONOMA is an Indian word and means "Valley of the Moon," and was the name originally given to the beautiful valley from which the County was afterwards named. The tribe of Indians inhabiting the valley were called Cochuyens. On the arrival of the first expedition to establish a mission, the name Sonoma was given to the Chief by Jose Altimira, the priest in charge, and after the Chief, the tribe and the valley they inhabited took the name Sonoma.

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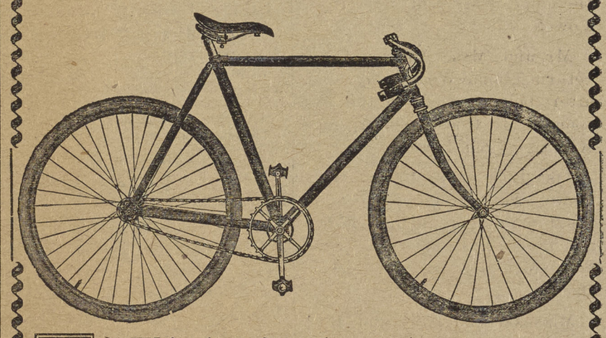

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